

The Office Action states that the Applicant's previous response does not comply with the requirement to elect a species for prosecution, in the event that no generic claim is held to be allowable. In response, the Applicant elects Species D.

The Applicant believes that claims 1–20 are in condition for allowance, and early passage to issuance is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee associated with the submission of this response including any extension of time the granting of which is hereby requested to Deposit Account No. 50-2183 (Ref. No. 21.1154).

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at 281-285-7114 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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